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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Melvin Jackson, 23, of Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 188 months in prison without parole for selling almost 50 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover police officer on May 24, 2006. Jackson pleaded guilty to this charge on March 16, 2007.

Jackson's penalty was enhanced because he has two prior convictions for violent crimes. Judge Crabb found that he is impulsive, and a danger to society.

The charges against Jackson were the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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